Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know by whom the third well was sunk?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: From the records it has not been possible to find when the well was sunk.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: In answer to part (*e*), may I know in terms of days, weeks or months the period of the hot season?

Mr. K Paramesvara Panickar: That is well known; probably from Kumbham to Medam.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know from the Government whether all persons without reference to caste or creed are allowed to make use of the well?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: Certainly.

Leave allowances.

26. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not including leave allowances in the Budget?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar: The reason for not providing funds for leave allowances in the Budget is explained on page 10, para 6, of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit and Appropriation Accounts of 1109.

It has however been decided by the Public Accounts Committee that met on the 17th June 1936 that the present system might continue, since under the proposed arrangement, the provision for leave allowances was likely to be overestimated and reappropriated to other items within the grant in order to avoid supplementary demands. Further, the present system is more economical than the practice in British India of including provision for leave salary in the cadre itself. Government have accepted the above decision.

(*Vide* page 6, para 7, of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit and Appropriation Accounts of 1110).

Inspection of a site in the Karikode pakuthi.

27. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since it was decided that survey number 773 of the Karikode pakuthi in the Todupuzha taluk should be inspected by the Division Peishkar;

(*b*) how many Peishkars were in charge of the Division since this decision;

(*c*) the name of the Peishkar who noted in the case that the site should be inspected;

(*d*) the reasons for this long delay in inspecting this site; and

(*e*) how many more such cases there are?

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Mr. K. George : (*a*) About $3\frac{1}{4}$ years.

(*b*) 7.

(*c*) No Division Peishkar has noted in the case that the site should be inspected.

(*d*) The inaccessibility of the place coupled with unfavourable weather conditions or want of time during camps fixed.

(*e*) One.

Punja loans of 1111.

28. ***Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar** (*Ampalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of *punja* loan that has been distributed in the year 1111 and the amount collected out of the loan up to the end of Kanni 1112 ?

Mr. K. George :

Total amount of Special Punja loan distributed in 1111.			*Amount collected up to the end of Kanni 1112.*		
Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.
49,777	11	0	30,048	5	5

Irregularities in the Kovalam Salt Factory.

29. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the licencees of the Kovalam Salt Factory have complained in regard to the vagaries there ;

(*b*) whether the Inspector has been reduced on that account; and

(*c*) the vagaries complained of ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan ; (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Muvattupuzha Hospital.

30. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there were days on which no doctor was present in the Muvattupuzha Hospital in spite of the fact that there are two doctors including an assistant attached to the hospital ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such days ;

(*c*) the reason for the same ; and

(*d*) who was in charge of the hospital on those days and how the charge was assigned to him ?

Mr. James Simpson (*Darbar Physician*) : (*a*) Yes ; there was one occasion.

(*b*) Only one day.

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